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Applicant : Paul HANSELMANN et al.  
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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING CYANOACETIC ACID  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please cancel original Claims 1 to 6, and insert therefor new Claims 7 to 16. The changes made are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please cancel original Claims 1 to 6.

Please insert new Claims 7 to 16.

7. A process for the preparation of a cyanoacetic acid ester of formula:

